same financial year, the instant proposal was cleared at "No Cost to Government". Their tickets were consequently not paid for by the Department.

(e) Yes, Sir. Apart from the two Junior teams mentioned above, Government has also cleared the participation of two chess players in the World Juniors Chess Championship at Columbia in August, 1989 at Government Cost. However, the performance of the players was not satisfactory at the Columbia event. One player came 7th out of 24 participants and the other got 26th position out of 50 participants. The Reports in respect of the 2 teams mentioned in the reply to part (c) and (d) have not so far been received from the All India Chess Federation.

Setting up of Atomic Power Plant in Andhra Pradesh

3097. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present stage of the proposal for setting up of atomic power plant at any of the sites at Kovvada and Kotcherla as suggested by the Andhra Pradesh Government whether there have been any objections for them from the public: and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) A Technical Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy for exploration of sites for nuclear power plants in Andhra Pradesh and Kerala of the Southern Electricity Region is examining various sites, including Kovvada and Kotcherla in Andhra Pradesh proposed by Andhra Pradesh Government. It is premature to indicate the status on setting up of nuclear power plants at these sites, as selection of sites for nuclear power plants would depend upon fulfilment of requisite criteria after a process of review by the various agencies such as Site Selection Committee, Atomic Energy Commission, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board and Ministry of Environment and Forests. Besides, the Government's decision for setting up a plant is also required to be consistent with the plan for electricity generation including from nuclear sources, resource availability, need for electricity in different regions of the country, etc. No formal representation has been received in the Department from public raising specific objection in regard to Kovvada or Kotcherla sites.

Pollution of Beaches by Industries

3098. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines, have been laid down for the location of industries in the vicinity of sea coasts in order to prevent pollution of beaches;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware that in many places including in Goa, a large number of industries have been issued licences to function neor the sea beacres; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken to remove such industries to distant places so as to avoid danger of pollution of beaches?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) In the Notification recently issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 provisions have been made and guidelines laid down for regulating activities in the coastal areas These include restriction on location of industries, except those directly related to sea front or directly needing foreshore facilities, within 500 metres of the High Tide Line.